



FISCAL YEAR 2010 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

HOMELAND SECURITY

Recipient: Allegheny Conference on Community Development

Location: 425 Sixth Avenue, Suite 1100, Pittsburgh, PA, 15219

Amount Requested: \$1,500,000

Project Description: The purpose of this request is for regional planning and integration of civilian medical resource and military assets. The goal is to provide a strategy for emergency preparedness in relation to surge medical care to be applied in national homeland security and defense applications. The project's history stems from the 2005 Base Re-alignment and Closure Commission's recommendation to establish a Regional Joint Readiness Center at the Pittsburgh International Air Station with the mission of providing civil operations, military operations, homeland security and community based medical support to the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security. Currently, an interagency working group comprised of the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, Health and Human Services and Transportation is developing operational concepts and implementation strategies. Funding is justified because the Joint Readiness Center-Pittsburgh will support properly equipped and trained medical professionals and first responders that can be deployed to communities impacted by natural or man-made disaster to provide surge medical care as needed.

Recipient: University of Pittsburgh

Location: Pittsburgh, PA

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Project Description: The purpose of this request is to enhance decision-making by first responders in response to emergency medical and other catastrophic events. Specifically, the goal of this initiative is to shorten response times, save lives and decrease the likelihood of serious injuries. The Center for National Preparedness is an umbrella organization at the University of Pittsburgh for faculty members engaged in national security issues. The center has developed a decision-making support software program called "The Pittsburgh Framework," which is designed to help emergency managers and government leaders respond to disasters through disaster event simulation. Funding will be used to perform software adaptations to transition the current local/regional orientation of "The Pittsburgh Framework" to a national one making available to communities and states nationwide a decision tool for emergency response management.